

FORM PTO-1390 (REV 10-2000)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>HHI-031US</b>	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C.371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>09/890588</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION <b>PCT/DE00/04299</b>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>01 December 2000 (01.12.00)</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>02 December 1999 (02.12.99)</b>	
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>FLUID FILTER WITH REMOVABLE CENTRAL COMPONENT WITH ADDITIONAL RETAINER</b>					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Wilhelm ARDES</b>					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C.371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31):</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C 371(c)(2)) (<b>9 sheets</b>).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (<b>unexecuted</b>) (<b>3 Sheets</b>);</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>					
Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:					
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 (<b>3 sheets</b>) with Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet) and cited references (<b>24 sheets</b>);</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment (<b>5 sheets</b>) (along with version of markings to show changes (<b>2 sheets</b>));</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>Transmittal Letter (2 sheets); PCT International Published Application (WO 01/39864 A1) (with International Search Report) (17 sheets); Check in the amount of \$990.00 (Filing Fee) based on large entity; Certificate of First Class Mailing (1 sheet); and Return Postcard.</b></p>					

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS    PTO USE ONLY			
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ) .(a/o November 1, 2000):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$1000  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO .....\$860  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.455(a)(2)) paid to USPTO .....\$710  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$690  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$100  <div style="text-align: center;">ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</div>							
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$130.00			
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>	<b>RATE</b>				
Total claims	9-20 =	0	X \$18.00	\$			
Independent claims	2-3 =	0	X \$80.00	\$			
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ 270.00	\$			
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$990.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$			
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$			
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$			
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$			
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property    +				\$			
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$990.00			
				Amount to be: refunded	\$		
				charged	\$		

a. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$ 990.00 to cover the above fees are enclosed.

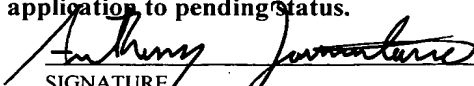
b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit  
any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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